



The Shepherd's Voice

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd

April 2026

They Have Taken Away My Lord

John's Gospel account on Easter morning shares the initial emotions of shock, confusion, fear, and sadness of the empty tomb. Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb where the stone has been removed. She runs back to Simon Peter and the disciples with shocking news, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Peter and the other disciple race to find the tomb as Mary had reported---empty. They didn't understand the scripture, that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, stricken with grief. Eyes filled with tears she looks into the tomb, seeing two angels in white where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to Mary, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Mary is struggling with her shock, sadness, and deep profound love for Jesus. She is struggling with Jesus' mortality in that moment.

When reading this passage of scripture do we come alongside Mary or distance ourselves like it's a movie made for television? I hope we come alongside Mary. Why? When we plug ourselves into this specific section of John's gospel, we are side-by-side with Mary looking at Jesus' mortality. Mortality is a struggle in this section of John. It allows me to accept the fact that Jesus had his own physical limitations. This also touches the reality of my own mortality, exploring my physical limitations. This isn't easy work, done in the moment of a 5-point plan. It takes time. It takes living with shock, confusion, fear, and sadness, embracing my own discomfort with the unknown. I have to stand with Mary outside that Tomb and look in it and see that the world isn't what I thought it was. I have to stand there and be troubled just like this woman, be changed, by the realization that I'm not working with all the facts, like I used to think I was. I need to avoid the urge to jump to a quick, easy, sit-com answer that wraps up the dilemmas, resolving all the tensions, in 30-minute doses with an uplifting life lesson. Looking into the empty tomb is a lesson in itself. Is there more? Sure. Especially if I stay in the story with this amazing woman.

With that in mind, Mary and I turn around to see Jesus standing in front of us, but we do not know Him. Jesus said to us, "Mary and Galen, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, we said to him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell us where you have laid Him, and we will take Him away." Jesus says to us, "Mary and Galen!" We turned and say to Him in Hebrew, "Rabbani!" (which means Teacher). Jesus says to us, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father." Together we have seen the Lord and will proclaim it to the disciples within minutes. Now there's a new chapter to the story of Jesus.

Living into this gospel is vital for our spiritual formation. When we live into that initial moment of the empty tomb we're reminded that God raised Jesus from the dead. Nothing Mary did raised Jesus. Nothing the disciples did raised Him. Nothing we did. Our living God is still in control of our world. He wants us to partner with Jesus and our neighbors to bring the greatest gift given us, love. Love is why the tomb is empty. Love wipes away the tears. Love comforts us. Love guides us through the unknown. Love always has the last word.

Canon Galen+

Holy Week Services

Tenebrae — Wednesday, April 1st at 7:00 p.m.

M.aundy Thursday — Thursday, April 2nd 7:00 p.m.
With hand and foot washing



Good Friday — Friday, April 3rd at Noon and 7:00 p.m.

The Great Vigil of Easter — Saturday, April 4th at 7:00 pm.
Agape Feast Potluck in the Parish Hall following this service.



Easter Day — Sunday, April 5th at 7:00 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.
The Easter Egg Hunt 11:30 a.m.

A Stewardship Prayer

*Loving Father, we know the truth
of the Easter proclamation.*

*Christ is risen and with Him all creation!
Light replaces darkness, joy replaces sadness,
life replaces death.*

*Through the power of Your Spirit, there is no failure
His love and mercy cannot reverse,
no humiliation He cannot exchange with blessings,
no anger He cannot dissolve,
no routine He cannot transform.*

*All is embraced by the victory
of Your Son's cross and resurrection.
Help us always to be good stewards of Easter's light,
to see Resurrection as a daily event,
and yearn for the love of Christ
as intensely as he yearns for our love.*

Amen.

Maundy Thursday Offering to Northland Clothing Center



For the ninth year we're collecting shoes and socks of all sizes and genders for the Northland Clothing Center.



Your donations can be brought to the church beginning Palm Sunday, March 29th.

GOOD FRIDAY

Offering



is being sent to The Episcopal Church (DFMS)

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe is requesting the 2026 Good Friday Offering be sent to The Episcopal Church (DFMS) to support ministries at Al-Ahli Hospital, Gaza, which continues to provide health care services despite the violence of war; St. George's Medical Center, Bagdad, Iraq; Christ Church Eye Clinic, Yemen; All Saints' Episcopal Church, Damascus, Syria, and All Saints' Episcopal Church, Beirut, Lebanon.

At its regular March vestry meeting, your elected representatives voted unanimously to send our Good Friday Offering to DFMS as requested. Vestry members asked for your generous financial support remembering The Diocese of West Missouri will match up to \$1,000.00 to DFMS collected for Good Friday.

Thank you for the generous support.



EASTER

Offering



Your vestry has designated the **Northland Assistance Center** as the **recipient of the 2026 Easter offering.**

Thank you for your generous contributions during Holy Week.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight.
—1 Corinthians 15:21-22

Dear People of Good Shepherd,

After prayerful reflection, I am writing to share my decision to retire from my ministry at Good Shepherd effective May 31, 2026.

Serving in this community has been a profound blessing. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have walked alongside so many faithful people, to share in the life of the Church, and to witness the Spirit at work in our common ministries. The relationships, moments of grace, and shared service will remain close to my heart.

Thank you for your remarkable leadership, support, and partnership in this work. I will do all I can in the coming weeks to support a smooth transition and continue to hold this community in my prayers.

With gratitude and peace,
The Rev. Cn. Galen D. Snodgrass+

The Lunch Bunch

Thursday the 9th of April, at 1:00 p.m.

At 54th Street, 303 N Englewood Road, Kansas City, MO

If you plan to attend, please call Mary Quigley at 816-699-4932 or Vicki Nelson at 816-874-5962. We must give the restaurant an accurate headcount.



All who enjoy a tasty meal with friendly folks are welcome!

Our bunch is not restricted to members of Good Shepherd.

Thirsty Thursday meets at B3Halves Brew Pub & BBQ,

110 E Kansas Street, Liberty, MO

on April 23rd 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Please contact the church office if you plan on attending 816-452-0745.

You can look up the menu online at 3halvesbrewingco.com



Our Parish Family



Birthdays



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| 1 Stephanie Spitznagle | 2 T.J. Gonzales | 4 Jan Huster |
| 4 Jackie West | 6 Bob Potter | 8 Susan Jacobs |
| 11 Bryan Raynal | 12 Poppyann Hines O'Dell | 16 Jill Hedge |
| 17 Cate Hamilton | 17 Pam Lipari | 20 John Verkleeren |
| 21 Frank Leocardi III | 23 Joe Turner | 24 Miles Fleming |
| 26 Mary Dodson | 29 Benjamin Elliott | 29 Donna Meyer |
| 29 Mario Moore | 30 Brenda Younger | |



Anniversaries



2 Vicki & Steve Nelson



Please Pray for



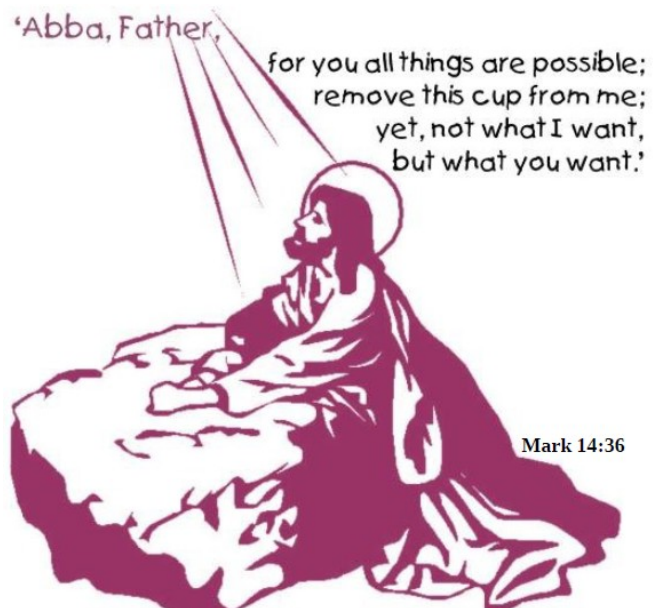
Healing of body, mind and spirit: Pam Cram, Judy Lane, Casey Moore, Steve Nelson, Phyllis Paulsen, Mary Quick, Cindy Spellman, Dawn Voss-McReynolds.

Expectant Parents: Brittnee & Vince Armato, Liz & Matt Braman, Johanna & Collin Huster, Aleah & Keith Petrie,

Those who are serving in our Armed Forces: Vincent Armato, Matthew Braman, Gary Cram, Michael Green, Carter Hale, Mark Nick, Dominick Scuderio, Cole Sherry, Doug Snodgrass, Korinne Takeyama, Kellan Travis, Kyle Voss-McReynolds, Daniel Wilson Young Jr. and Elias Wilson.

Those who were born to eternal life:

Debra Cresanto, James Kineen,
Mike Phillips, Alex Pretti,



Christian Formation

There will be no class
April 5th

Adult Bible Discussion(s)

Join us in the Common Room, in person **Sunday Mornings at 9:00 a.m.** for a lively discussion of Sunday's scriptures from the Lectionary.

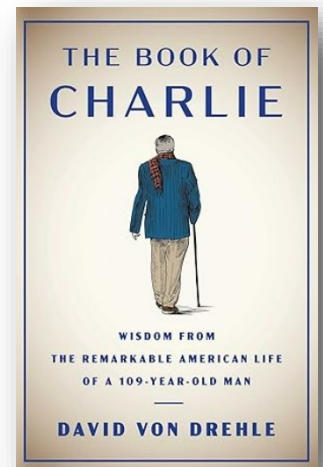
The discussions are generally led by Tom Lanio, with the able assistance of Canon Galen, Deacon Lynda Hurt and Ed Miller IV. They encourage participants to share any thoughts they have on Sunday's readings. For the readings and a commentary on them, send an email request to tomlanio@email.com.

On **Wednesdays at Noon**, join us for **Noonday Prayer** in Our Lady of Walsingham Chapel or watch from the comfort of your home while it is live-streamed on the COGS Facebook page. Then at **12:30** the Bible discussion will begin.

The Good Shepherd Book Club

will meet **Tuesday, April 14th** at **7:00 p.m.**,
in-person in the Common Room.
Joining **via Zoom** is available upon request.*

When columnist Von Drehle moved to the suburbs of Kansas City, Missouri, in 2007, he met his neighbor, Charlie White, who at that point was 102 and still going strong. This book chronicles Charlie's life against the backdrop of the 20th century and its revolutionary changes in science, technology, medicine, and culture. Von Drehle tells Charlie's history interspersed with background on concurrent major events and historical figures. Throughout the book, he highlights lessons from Charlie's experiences: resilience, lifelong learning, and appreciation for the current moment. The Book of Charlie looks at universal truths through the lens of one man's long life.



Bring a beverage or snacks to share if you wish.

Guests are always welcome!

Have a non-Good Shepherd friend who loves to read? - bring them, too!
Contact club members or Judy Kile for more information.

*Contact Judy Kile (jkile@att.net) by **Monday, April 13th** for the **Zoom invite**.

*"We are here in a world struggling to find its soul,
but the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not, cannot, and will not overcome it."*

—Retired Presiding Bishop Michael Curry



Life Together

starts Wednesday, April 22nd

The Classic Exploration of Faith in Community by Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

After his martyrdom at the hands of the Gestapo in 1945, Dietrich Bonhoeffer continued his witness in the hearts of Christians around the world. His Letters and Papers from Prison became a prized testimony to Christian faith and courage, read by thousands. Now, in *Life Together*, we have Pastor Bonhoeffer's experience of Christian community. This story of a unique fellowship in an underground Seminary during the Nazi years reads like one of Paul's letters. It gives practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups. The role of personal prayer, worship in common, everyday work, and Christian service is treated in simple, almost biblical, words. *Life Together* is bread for all who are hungry for the real life of Christian fellowship.

Episcopal 4 U is an opportunity to join other parish members as we **read and discuss online** each **Wednesday** evening from **7:00-8:00 p.m.** The group is flexible -- join for titles that interest you. We have selected Bonhoeffer's *Life Together* for our current title and begin reading April 22nd until we complete it.

To join for this title, contact Judy Kile (jkile@att.net) to be added to the Zoom invite list; then **purchase** the book **before** the **April 22nd** start date. The Amazon price is \$12.99; our church library may have a copy on hand to borrow. All material in that library can be used without specific return dates. Simply take what interests you and return when finished.



Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
with compassion on this world.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

—Poem by Teresa Of Avila (1515-1582)

Christmas in July is just around the corner. **Saturday July 11th.**

I will be seeking Volunteers to man a drink table, bake sale table, make baked goods for the bake sale, donations of gift baskets (I need 2 baskets to raffle off), and help with clean up during and after the fair. Please watch for emails and sign up sheets. Just a reminder the proceeds support our Backpack Shepherd Program.

Thank you for consideration. Katy Clapp kclapp1951@gmail.com

Sunday School

for children age 3 – high school



Our Sunday School begins at 10 a.m.

NOTE we begin 15 minutes before worship time.

Nursery and elementary school children will attend worship and hear a **Godly Play** story in the **Chapel** at 10 a.m., followed by an activity or craft.

- ◆ Preschoolers **3-5 years old** taught by Tiffany Olsson
- ◆ **Kindergarten & 1st Grade** taught by Vicki Nelson
- ◆ **2nd-5th Grades** taught by Janet Smith

There will be no class
April 5th

Middle school and high school students will conduct morning prayer in the **Troy-Lewis study** before hearing a lesson based on that Sunday's lectionary readings.

- ◆ **6th-8th Grades** taught by Jason Hedge
- ◆ **High School** taught by Judy Kile



April 5th Easter Egg Hunt following the **10:15 a.m. Easter service**. We hope that lots of little children will be able to participate in this joyous activity.

Home, Tweet, Home

Where do birds live?

- A)** In nests made of twigs **B)** In underground burrows **C)** In milk cartons

Everyone knows that birds build nests. So, why should you consider building a bird house? One reason is that there often aren't enough trees or grasses in the cities for all the birds to make nests. You can help a bird family find a place to stay. And you don't need anything fancy, either----**Just a milk carton.**

Did you know: Some birds migrate 1,800 miles or more! One bird, the Arctic Tern, makes a trip longer than the distance around the earth! If it snows in late spring, after birds have come back north for the summer, they are often left in the cold with nowhere to go.

This is why milk carton bird houses are a great choice.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulnWcax6uOs>

The Healing Power of Letting Go

How can we live a life of forgiveness? We begin by remembering that Christ forgives us first. From the cross—the very place of suffering—Jesus prays, “Father, forgive them.” Forgiveness flows from Him before it ever flows from us.

Forgiving others is not easy. It is the road less traveled—but it is the road we choose because of the loving mercy we have received from Christ. His forgiveness heals us and brings greater peace into the world.

Forgiveness is a deliberate decision to release resentment or vengeance toward a person or group who has harmed you—whether or not they deserve it. In choosing forgiveness, you become a peace-bearer, unbinding what has been held captive by hurt.

One of forgiveness’s greatest gifts is peace. It sets things right before God and clears the conscience. Holding anger requires energy, and when we cling to it, it grows stronger. When we release it, we make room for grace.

The goal of forgiveness is not to change another person. It is to join with God in releasing the bondage unforgiveness creates within you. It frees you from worry and from trying to control what only God can change.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 18:18:

“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

When we release someone to God, we “loose” what has bound us. Whether they change is between them and God. You have done your part—and you are free.

A simple way to begin:

- Name the person or group.
- Say, “I forgive you for...” and be honest.
- Release them to God.
- Pray for their needs and bless them in Jesus’ name.
- Forgive yourself for resentment or harsh words.
- Pray for your own healing and bless yourself in Jesus’ name.

A pastor can offer guidance in difficult situations, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be a profound blessing.

In healing ministry, we often observe that forgiveness brings emotional and spiritual healing—and sometimes even physical restoration. As resentment loosens its grip, the body can respond with renewed freedom.

God’s forgiveness toward us, and our forgiveness of others, brings well-being to body, mind, and spirit. When we forgive, we step into God’s vision for His people: a loving, forgiving community in a wounded world.

And that truly is Good News.

Sally Verklereen



The Daughters of the King
Emmanuel Chapter
Church of the Good Shepherd

Please Join Us At Our Annual

Spring Tea

Sunday, April 19, 2026
at 12:30 PM in the Parish Hall

Enjoy a traditional English tea with lots of food , fun and fellowship.
We'll have information about becoming a
Daughter of the King for those interested.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Janet Smith
Cell: (816) 260-3420 Email: jkatidid@gmail.com



Happy Hour begins at 12:00

Good Shepherd Garden

The Church of the Good Shepherd has created a section of our Community Garden containing ten **4X12' raised beds** for church members and Sherwood Estates' neighbors. A **yearly fee (\$50)** gives you garden space from **March thru October**.



Participants will have **access to water** and **KC Community Garden resources** including **plants and seeds**.

**If interested in leasing one of the raised beds
Contact Judy Kile (816)520-4599; jkile@att.net.**



Feed & Weed

— so called because **we**



begin with donuts at 8:30 a.m. in the Foyer before starting our outdoor tasks.

Weeds will be popping up by the end of the month and dry grasses will need to be cut back. So, **Saturdays, April 11th and April 25th** at **8:30 a.m.** we'll gather for fellowship and plan the morning's tasks. **Dress for the weather** -- pay special attention to your shoes as it may be muddy! Bring garden gloves and small tools, if you have them.

Mark your calendars for the **2nd and 4th Saturday mornings** to spend a few hours with church friends tending to the church grounds.

All ages welcome -- there's a job for everyone.

Can't do yard work?? Sign-up to **provide the donuts!**
The sign-up sheet is to **the right of the elevator?**

"Nothing can so quickly cancel the frictions of life as prayer. If you find yourself growing angry at someone, pray for them. Anger cannot live in an atmosphere of prayer." —William T. McElroy

Backpack Shepherds April Needs

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit juices in small cartons | | <input type="checkbox"/> Tortillas | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned tomatoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit cups and pudding cups | | <input type="checkbox"/> Muffin mix | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet or salty snacks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Granola and/or fruit/nut bars | | <input type="checkbox"/> Stuffing mix | <input type="checkbox"/> Microwave Popcorn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scanned chili and/or beef stew | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6-pack raisins | <input type="checkbox"/> Box or package potatoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pasta Sauce (plastic bottle or canned) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Canned chicken | <input type="checkbox"/> Spaghetti or other pasta |

April Art Show – *On My Way*

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Gallery at the Luke



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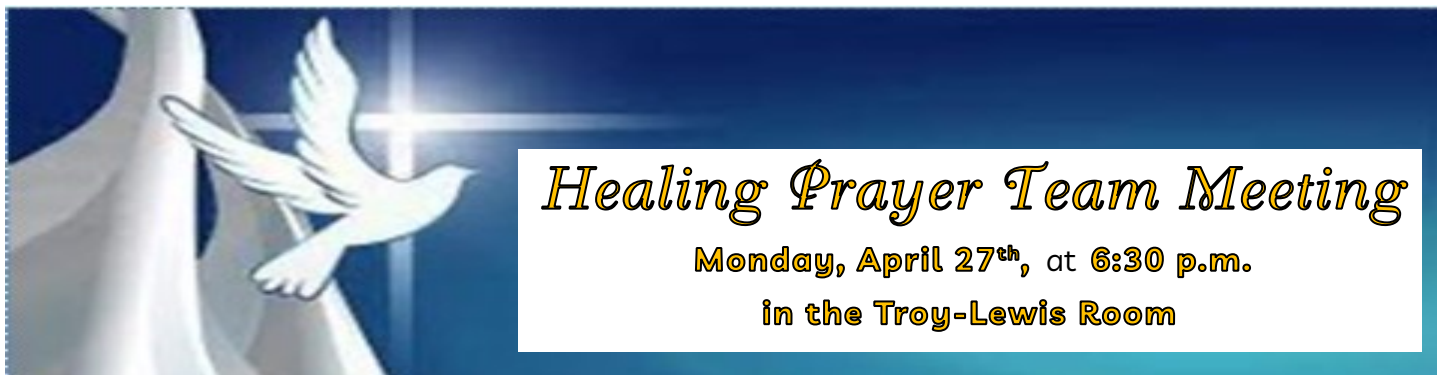
At the age of 10, Mary Siegmund painted a blue horse using oils. She continued this hobby through high school, but, the demands of career and raising a family caused a forty year lapse. In 2016, St. Lukes sponsored several Paint & Wine parties. Mary attended the first gathering where she painted a sunflower using acrylics an canvas which began the revival her painting hobby.

Gallery at the Luke at St. Luke's Episcopal Church is hosting a first time Art Show for Mary. Her artwork will be displayed through the month of April.

A **closing reception** will be held **Sunday, April 26th at 2:00 p.m.**

**Gallery at the Luke St. Luke's Episcopal Church
5325 Nieman Road, Shawnee, Kansas**

Come celebrate with her.



Healing Prayer Team Meeting

Monday, April 27th, at 6:30 p.m.

in the Troy-Lewis Room

Church of the Good Shephard has a **Rideshare Ministry** to help parishioners get to and from church events within the Kansas City metro, free of charge. If you need a ride, please contact the office (office@episcopalcoogs.org) or Edward Miller (ed@obodobodo.com) with details of the date, time, and location for your trip: we will arrange a ride as best as we are able. We can often accommodate reoccurring trips!



Sheffield Place is a Kansas City based non-profit that provides housing and support services for homeless mothers and their children, helping them overcome barriers like mental health issues, addiction, and domestic violence to achieve self-sufficiency. They offer residential programs, therapy, case management. Life skills training, and workforce development to empower families to

heal and build stable futures. They are in northeast Kansas City.

Our church is actively supporting this mission. This past Christmas our plate offering raised over \$2,000. The Brotherhood of Saint Andrew is making this our outreach effort. We already have scheduled a **workday** at **Sheffield Place** for **April 18th**. And to provide food for a **Sunday night** dinner **July 19th**. We also want to collect personal items for them as well and we will have a trash can set up near the foyer for that purpose. We will collect toothpaste, hair conditioner, and paper towels this month.

The mission of Sheffield Place is "to empower homeless mothers and their children to heal from their trauma and become self-sufficient."



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew
Making a difference in the Kingdom of God since 1883
A worldwide ministry to men and youth in the Episcopal/Anglican Communion & beyond

Rotten Eggs

I am sure that most of us have certain smells, music, pictures, etc. that upon seeing or hearing them trigger old memories. This is one of mine from my days of teaching at Oak Park. A whiff of sulfur from the Chemistry lab floated down the hall and assaulted my unsuspecting nose as I rounded the corner and headed for my office. The pungent aroma never fails to transport me to another time and place.

Sweat was trickling down my skinny bare back as I carefully made my way up the wooden ladder in the old hay barn. Billy was breathing softly behind me with an air of anticipation as we climbed into the dusty hay loft.

Late summer always meant haying time on the farm and gave the kids of the neighboring farms an excuse to get together as their fathers helped one another putting up hay. Today it was on our farm and Billy Groom had come along with his dad, Glenn, to help out. We had tired of riding the loads of hay back from the fields and had opted to stay behind in the barn when our dads headed out to the alfalfa field this time for another load.

I led the way, being the eldest by a year and proceeded to search among the remains of last year's hay bales for anything we might find interesting. The hunting today proved to be excellent by any ten year old's standard.

In the far recesses of the loft, under the eaves, I discovered a hen's nest filled with eggs. The touch of the first slick egg upon my palm told me it probably was rotten and therefore not bound for the house. A quick feel of the remaining eggs rewarded me with the same news. Billy and I had just been given ammunition for any warfare or game our fertile minds could conjure up.

Nothing interesting presented itself as a worthy object, dead or alive, for us to attack with our treasured missiles. We searched the loft quickly and then just as we were about to give up, an interesting spot on the opposite wall of the barn down on the lower level beckoned us to try our marksmanship. It was just a few feet from the door leading into the side alley of the barn.

The spirit of competition ruled as we counted out the eggs and proceeded to pelt the boards surrounding the bulls-eye with the ripe eggs. The stench was awful which just added to the excitement as our squeals of joy drowned out the sound of the returning tractor and wagon.

Splat!! I landed an egg on the barn siding just inches from the head of Billy's dad as he opened the barn door. My enthusiasm for the game ended abruptly as the blue smoke rolled and we beat a hasty retreat.

Once the enormity of my deed had been thoroughly discussed, we were sent from the barn to follow less dangerous pursuits. It would be some time later and not in the presence of Glenn, that I could find humor in the episode and draw pleasure from reliving the experience.

I hope each of you has something similarly entertaining from your store of childhood memories.

Thomas Kincaid





Northland Shepherd's Center

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

5601 NE Antioch Road, Suite 12, Gladstone, MO

Main entrance is on the **backside of the building.**

Phone 816-452-4536 website: <https://www.northlandsc.org>

Life Enrichment Programs

Aging With Excellence: This program offers seniors 60+ opportunities to socialize, exercise, gain insight & be knowledgeable about aging issues throughout each month.

Caregiver Support: From Break Club to Caring, The Northland Shepherd's Center provides a variety of resources and classes to caregivers and their loved one.

Life Services

Technology Center: Technology help and classes held in the tech center. PC's for learning new skills, one on one sessions to learn to use smartphone, tablet or laptop. Call 816-452-4536 appointment.

Community Aging Solutions: Community Aging Specialists can assist you accessing available resources such as Medicaid, commodities, utilities, home weatherization & more!

Plate of Hope Food Pantry: NSC sits in the middle of the top low-income & low-food access tracts of our area which affects over 3000 older adults. That number will only be growing in the years to come.

Life Services: The NSC provides Life Services as a simple helping hand for northland seniors. Shopping help, regular check-in calls, home repairs, etc.

Meal on Wheels: Northland Meals on Wheels' purpose is to supply meals at or near cost to homebound older adults, over the age of 60 in southern Clay County.

Northland Assistance Center

Our pantry is low on soup, canned peas, carrots & potatoes & canned fruit. Any assistance you can provide is appreciated and can always be dropped off at the center, **or** in the **Church of the Good Shepherd Foyer Outreach Basket.**

Things we specifically need for the homeless:

- Protein with pop tops such as beanie weenies, Vienna sausages, soup.
- Ready to Eat tuna or chicken salad with crackers
- Individual chips, pudding cups and protein bars
- Quart size baggies

These items go in our food bags for the homeless and we appreciate any and all assistance you are able to offer us.

- Shampoo, Razors, Soap, Deodorant, Combs, Toothpaste, and Toothbrushes.

Thank You



Photo by Kate Kalvach on Unsplash



April 5th Easter Egg Hunt following the **10:15 a.m. Easter service**.
All youth, please meet at 9am to help hide the eggs.

Candy and small toys, stickers, or fun things
will be needed **to fill eggs** for this annual event!

Please **place items in Laura's youth office. Thank you!**

Silent Auction

The Good Redeemers silent auction starts on **Saturday, April 11th!**

We will **start the bidding** on the weekend of **April 11th—12th** after all three services at Church of the Good Shepherd. The auction **will run until Sunday, May 3rd, taking a break the weekend of April 18th—19th** for the junior high retreat.

If you have any items to donate, please let Laura know.

Dinner for 8 Raffle

We will be selling raffle tickets for a "Dinner for 8" **prepared by Nina Edwards and Judy Kile**. If you win, invite your friends for a four-course gourmet dinner for 8 prepared by these wonderful ladies. They are **\$1 for one ticket** and **\$10 for 11 tickets**. We will **announce the winner after the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, May 3rd**. You do **not need to be present to win**. All youth are needed to help sell raffle tickets. All **proceeds will benefit our mission trip this summer** and other youth group activities.

Thank you for your support!

➤ **Junior High Retreat (Grades 5-8): April 17th - April 19th**

Join the diocese at St. James Episcopal Church in Springfield for a weekend bursting with hands on learning, worship, and fun as we dive into the world of being Episcopalian!

Roll up your sleeves at interactive stations where you can try out real worship roles—acolyte, lector, usher—and learn why we move, speak, and serve the way we do in church. Bake communion bread while discovering why we use the bread we do. Explore vestments and uncover the meaning behind all those layers priest's wear. **Come curious and leave with a deeper sense of**

how our worship tells the story of our faith.

And of course, it wouldn't be a youth weekend without some big fun. **Saturday night** we'll carpool for **bowling or laser tag**. Everyone will head home following the Sunday service. **Optional lunch at Lamberts Cafe. Youth** will be responsible **for their own lunch**.

Cost is \$30. There is transportation available from Kansas City.

Email: youth@diowestmo.org for carpooling options.

Register at: <https://diowestmo.org/event/junior-high-retreat/>

Upcoming Diocesan Events

➤ **Episcopal Summer Mega Camp: May 31st – June 6th**

Camp Wood YMCA | 1101 Camp Wood Rd., Elmdale, KS

Students in **grades 3-12** for 2025-26 school year (must have **finished third grade**)

Cost: \$550 (price **increases \$50 after May 1st.**)

There is a **\$25 non-refundable deposit** due at registration.

You can apply for **scholarships on the registration form.**

Register at: <https://diowestmo.org/event/episcopal-summer-mega-camp-2026/>

Cancellation Deadline: Two weeks prior to the start of the camp session for a 100% refund.

Missionpalooza 2026! July 21st – 26th

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church,
11 E. 40 St., Kansas City, MO**

For **students** who have **finished grades 8th – 12th.**

All are welcome, so feel free to invite friends and family.

Registration: <https://diowestmo.org/event/missionpalooza-2026/>

Something Always Happens When We Pray

Intercessory Prayer

A Time for Soaking and Healing Prayer.

1st and 3rd Sundays of Each Month at Noon.

In Our Lady of Walsingham Chapel.



Jesus went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his Disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases. (Luke 6:17-18)

Please bring your questions to Sally Verkleeren, who has years of education and experience in healing ministry. You may reach her by phone (805) 798-5502 or email prariemoth@aol.com

April 2026 Eucharistic Ministers, Readers - Year B

Proper	Day	Date	Time	Name
Tenebrae	Wednesday	April 1	7:00 PM	
Facebook Live	& YouTube	1st Nocturn		
			<i>Antiphon 1</i>	Canon Galen
			<i>Antiphon 2</i>	Marie Ebert
			<i>Antiphon 3</i>	Phil Graham
			<i>Lesson 1</i>	Deacon Lynda Hurt
			<i>Lesson 2</i>	Gary Gee
			<i>Lesson 3</i>	Kim Snodgrass
			<i>Antiphon 4</i>	Ed Miller IV
			<i>Antiphon 5</i>	Jan Huster
			<i>Antiphon 6</i>	Tom Kincaid
			<i>Lesson 4</i>	Canon Galen
			<i>Lesson 5</i>	Marie Ebert
		2nd Nocturn	<i>Lesson 6</i>	Phil Graham
			<i>Antiphon 7</i>	Deacon Lynda Hurt
			<i>Antiphon 8</i>	Gary Gee
			<i>Antiphon 9</i>	Kim Snodgrass
			<i>Lesson 7</i>	Ed Miller IV
			<i>Lesson 8</i>	Jan Huster
			<i>Lesson 9</i>	Tom Kincaid
		Lauds	<i>Antiphon 10</i>	Cn. Galen
			<i>Antiphon 11</i>	Marie Ebert
			<i>Antiphon 12</i>	Phil Graham
			<i>Antiphon 13</i>	Deacon Lynda Hurt
			<i>Antiphon 14</i>	Gary Gee
			<i>Song of Zecharia</i>	Kim Snodgrass
			<i>Psalm 51</i>	Ed Miller IV
Maundy Thursday	Thursday	April 2	7:00 PM	Tom Kincaid R1
Facebook Live	& YouTube			Vicki Nelson R2
				Deacon Lynda Hurt Gospellar & POP
				Rev. Mary Siegmund -- Homilist
				Ed Miller EM
Good Friday	Friday	April 3	NOON	Kathy Potter R & EM
Facebook Live	& YouTube	April 3	7:00 PM	
Passion of Christ according to John 18:1-19:42			<i>Narrator Evangelist</i>	Mary Wilkens
			<i>Jesus</i>	Ed Miller IV
			<i>Gatekeeper</i>	Deacon Lynda Hurt
			<i>Peter</i>	Pat Muldoon
			<i>Police</i>	Phil Graham
			<i>Slave of High Priest</i>	Tom Kincaid
			<i>Pilate</i>	Jeff James
				Tom Kincaid R1
				Mary Wilkens R2
				Deacon Lynda Hurt POP
				Jill Hedge & Jeff James Ems

Proper	Day	Date	Time	Name
Vigal of Easter	Saturday	April 4	7:00 PM	
Facebook Live	& YouTube		<i>Story of Creation</i>	Tom Kincaid
			<i>The Flood</i>	Mary Wilkens
			<i>Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea</i>	Phyllis Cameron
			<i>Salvation Freely Offered</i>	Charlie Cram
			<i>A New Heart and New Spir</i>	Ed Miller IV
				Marie Ebert R1
				Deacon Lynda Hurt Gospellar & POP
				Charlie Cram Crucifer
				Gia Lipari & John Joseph Lipari - Acolytes
				Tom Lanio & Laura Sawin-Armato <i>Em</i>
Easter Day	Sunday	April 5	7:00 AM	Phil Graham R & EM
Facebook Live	& YouTube -->	April 5	10:15 AM	Tom Kincaid R1
				Ed Miller IV R2
				Deacon Lynda Hurt Gospellar & POP
				Tom Lanio Crucifer
				Laura Sawin-Armato & Jeff James <i>Ems</i>
2nd Sunday Easter	Saturday	April 11	4:30 PM	Jan Huster R & EM
2nd Sunday Easter	Sunday	April 12	8:00 AM	Phil Graham R & EM
Facebook Live	& YouTube -->	April 12	10:15 AM	Marie Ebert R1
				Jeff James R2
				Deacon Lynda Hurt Gospellar & POP
				DOK Crucifer
				Jill Hedge & Ed Miller IV <i>Ems</i>
3rd Sunday Easter	Saturday	April 18	4:30 PM	Allan Culp <i>EM</i>
				Kim Snodgrass R
3rd Sunday Easter	Sunday	April 19	8:00 AM	Kathy Potter R & EM
				Deacon Lynda Hurt Gospellar & POP
Facebook Live	& YouTube -->	April 19	10:15 AM	Jill Shaub R1
				Judith Del Porto R2
				Deacon Lynda Hurt Gospellar & POP
				Andrew Dungan Crucifer
				Tom Lanio & Gary Gee <i>Ems</i>
4th Sunday Easter	Saturday	April 25	4:30 PM	Vicki Nelson R & EM
4th Sunday Easter	Sunday	April 26	8:00 AM	Charlie Cram R & EM
Facebook Live	& YouTube -->	April 26	10:15 AM	Mary Wilkens R1
				Sally Verkleeren R2
				Deacon Lynda Hurt Gospellar & POP
				Brotherhood of St. Andrews - Crucifer
				Tom Lanio & Jill Hedge <i>Ems</i>

Readers are responsible for finding their own substitute and informing Laura
With great appreciation, Deacon Lynda



Daily Office for April 2026



Holy Week

Wed, Apr. 1: Psalm 55 * 74. Lam 2:1-9, 2 Cor. 1:23-2:11, Mark 12:1-11.

Maundy Thursday, Apr. 2: Psalm 102 * 142, 143. Lam. 2:10-18, 1 Cor. 10:14-17; 11:27-32, Mark 14:12-25.

Good Friday, Apr. 3: Psalm 95 & 22 * 40:1-14(15-19), 54. Lam. 3:1-9, 19-33, 1 Pet. 1:10-20, **AM:** John 13:36-38
PM: John 19:38-42.

Holy Saturday, Apr. 4: Psalm 95 & 88 * 27. Lam. 3:37-58, Heb. 4:1-16. PM: Rom. 8:1-11.

Easter Week

Easter Sunday: Psalm 148, 149, 150 * 113, 114, or 118. AM: Exod. 12:1-14, John 1:1-18. PM: Isa. 51:9-11, Luke 24:13-35 or John 20:19-23.

Mon. Apr. 6: Psalm 93, 98 * 66. Exodus 12:14-27, I Cor. 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8.

Tue. Apr. 7: Psalm 103 * 111, 114. Exodus 12:28-39, I Cor. 15:12-28, Mark 16:9-20.

Wed. Apr. 8: 30: Psalm 97, 99 * 115. Exodus 12:40-51, I Cor. 15:29-41, Matt. 28:1-16

Thur. Apr. 9: Psalm 146, 147 * 148, 149. Exodus 13:3-10, I Cor. 15:41-50, Matt. 28:16-20.

Fri. Apr. 10: Psalm 136 * 138. Exod. 13:1-2, 11-16. I Cor. 15:51-58, Luke 24:1-12 6:47-56-46.

Sat. Apr. 11: Psalm 145 * 104. Exod. 13:17—14:4, 2 Cor. 4:16—5:10, Mark 12:18-27.

Second Sunday of Easter

Sun. Apr. 12: Psalm 146, 147 * 111, 112, 113. Exod. 14:5-22, I John 1:1-7, John 14:1-7.

Mon. Apr. 13: Psalm 1, 2, 3 * 4, 7. Exod. 14:21-31, I Pet. 1:1-12, John 14: 8-17.

Tue. Apr. 14: Psalm 5, 6 * 10, 11. Exod. 15:1-21, I Pet. 1:13-25, John 14: 18-31.

Wed. Apr. 15: Psalm 119:1-24. * 12, 13, 14. Exod. 15:22—16:10. I Pet. 2:1-10, John 15:1-11.

Thur. Apr. 16: Psalm 18:1-20 * 18:21-50. Exod. 16:10-21, I Pet. 2:11-25, John 15:12-27.

Fri. Apr. 17: Psalm 16, 17 * 134, 135. Exod. 16:22-36, I Pet. 3:13—4:6, John 16:1-15.

Sat. Apr. 18: Psalm 20, 21:1-7(8-14) * 110:1-5(6-7), 116, 117. Exod. 17:1-16, I Pet. 4:7-19, John 16:16-33.

Third Sunday of Easter

Sun. Apr. 19: Psalm 148, 149, 150 * 114, 115. Exod. 18:1-12, I John 2:7-17, Mark 16:9-20.

Mon. Apr. 20: Psalm 25 * 9, 15. Exod. 18:13-27, I Pet. 5:1-14, Matt. (1:1-17); 3:1-6.

Tue. Apr. 21: Psalm 26, 28 * 36, 39. Exod. 19:1-16, Col. 1:1-14, Matt. 3:7-12.

Wed. Apr. 22: Psalm 38 * 119:25-48. Exod. 19:16-25. Col 1:15-23, Matt. 3:13-17.

Thur. Apr. 23: Psalm 37:1-18 * 37:19-42. Exod. 20:1-21, Col: 1:24—2:7, Matt. 4:1-11.

Fri. Apr. 24: Psalm 105:1-22 * 105:23-45. Exod. 24:1-18, Col. 2:8-23, Matt. 4:12-17.

Sat. Apr. 25: St. Mark. Psalm 30, 32 * 42, 43. Exod. 25:1-22, Col. 3:1-17, Matt. 4:18-25.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sun. Apr. 26: Psalm 63:1-8(9-11), 98 * 103. Exod. 28:1-4, 30-38, I John 2:18-29, Mark 6:30-42.

Mon. Apr. 27: Psalm 41, 52 * 44. Exod. 32:1-20, Col. 3:18—4:6(7-18), Matt. 5:1-10.

Tue. Apr. 28: Psalm 45 * 47, 48. Exod. 32:21-34, I Thess. 1:1-10, Matt. 5:11-16.

Wed. Apr. 29: Psalm 119:49-72 * 49 [53]. Exod. 33:1-23, I Thess. 2:1-12, Mark 5:17-20.

Thur. Apr. 30: Psalm 50 * [59, 60] or 114, 115. Exod. 34:1-17, I Thess. 2:13-20, Matt. 5:21-26.

Good Shepherd Ministries

Ministry Group	Contact	Meeting Time/Date	Ministry Group	Contact	Meeting Time/Date
Acolytes	Vacancy	Monthly obligations as scheduled	Nursery Teachers	Tiffany Olsson	9:00 through 10:15 service
Altar Guild	Laura Sawin-Armato Cynthia Takeyama	Monthly obligations, bi-annual meetings	Office Helpers	Laura Sawin-Armato	As needed
Building and Grounds	David Talbot	1 st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM Workday, 3 rd Saturday of each month	Pastoral Care, EVs	Deacon Lynda Hurt & Canon Galen	As scheduled
			Backpack Shepherds	David Talbot	Outreach Chair: Tom Kincaid Reaching out to our local community, the nation, and the world. 2 nd Monday of each even numbered month 7:00 PM
EMs	Deacon Lynda	Monthly obligations as scheduled	Northland Clothing Center	Tom Kincaid	
Coffee Hour	Jill Hedge	After the 10:15 service	Nourish KC	Judy Lane	
Circle of Friends	Canon Galen	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays at 11 AM	Northland Assistance Center	John Zaiger	
Daughters of the King	Sue Wilkinson Mona Hale	2 nd Sun. of the month after 10:15 service	Outreach Garden	Bob Kile	
Christian Formation	Judy Kile	2 nd Monday, 7:00 PM	Shepherd's Center	Vacancy	
Cursillo Liaison	Carye Williams	As needed	Ushers	Sue Wilkinson	Monthly obligations as scheduled
Financial Ministries Council (FMC)	Nina Edwards	Thursday of week before each Vestry meeting, 6PM	Vestry	Marie Ebert Gary Gee Canon Galen	3 rd Tuesday of each Month
Liturgical Readers	Deacon Lynda Hurt	Monthly obligations as scheduled	Good Redeemers	Laura Williams	Weekly as announced
Music Instrumental	Canon Galen Linlin He	As needed	St. Francis Ministry	Susan Jacobs	As needed
Music Vocal		As needed	Book Club	Judy Kile	2 nd Tuesday at 7 PM
Newsletter	Pat Muldoon	Published monthly	Greeters	Jason Hedge	As needed
Woolly Shepherds	Marie Ebert	3 rd Thursdays at 6 PM	Sunday Adult Bible Study	Bob Kile Tom Lanio	Sundays 9:00-10:00 AM
Streaming Services	Joe Armato	10:15 AM Sundays	Intercessory Prayer	Sally Verkleeren	1 st & 3 rd Sundays Noon in Chapel
St. Killian's Candle System	Brotherhood of St. Andrews	Brothers as scheduled	Shepherds of the Earth	Zach Elliot	Last Monday of Month 8:00 PM Zoom
Brotherhood of St. Andrews	Gary Gee Tim Smith	Monthly Meeting 3 rd Thursdays at 6:30 PM	Shepherd Responders	Tim Smith	As needed

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